

**Central Falls School District Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2015**  
**Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Ms. Cano Morales called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. Roll call was taken. Dr. Pitt, Ms. Martinez, Ms. Grace, and Ms. Cano Morales were present at the start of the meeting. Mr. Figueroa and Ms. Gonzalez arrived at 5:50PM; Ana-Cecilia Rosado was absent.
- II. Pledge- Mr. Comet led the pledge.
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes of February 26, 2015 - A motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2015, was made by Ms. Grace seconded by Dr. Pitt. Motion carried. (4,0)
- IV. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirement- There were none.
- V. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget – A motion to approve the bills was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Dr. Pitt. Motion carried. (4,0)
- VI. Approval of the 2015-2016 Calendar – A motion to approve the 2015-2016 Calendar was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Dr. Pitt. Dr. Gallo outlined the five additional days teachers are scheduled; she also noted the specific vacation weeks considering how numerous districts have been grappling with questions about the advisability of a February break. Ms. Grace asked if the parents as well as the teachers were surveyed about their preferences concerning the February break. The teachers were polled by the union; the parents were not surveyed. Dr. Gallo noted that the calendar should really be a statewide school calendar so as to not cause confusion and havoc within families and neighborhoods. Motion carried. (4,0) (See attached Calendar)
- VII. Curriculum Presentation- Dean of Pedagogy, Buddy Comet presented a summary of the most current curriculum work for all subject areas covering grades 7-12. Ms. Comet shared printed documents and reviewed the overall developmental goals through presentation slides. The main points of a common curriculum template, Year-at-a-Glance documents, and common lesson template were reviewed. Noted, too, were the ongoing work of rubric development for the mission, core values, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills. Of great interest was how the work uniformly included WIDA Standards and specific strategies for English Language Learners. The Trustees also enjoyed a conversation with Mr. La Plante and Mr. Comet about blended learning. Everyone emphasized

- the dynamic nature of the work ensuring consistent matching to the Common Core Standards.
- VIII. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
  - IX. Superintendent Comment -
  - X. Board Comment – Chairperson Morales noted that she would not be present for the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Gonzalez also noted she was unable to attend as well.
  - XI. A call for Executive Session under General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2), that this body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation. (specifically, a litigation from a 2011 case) was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Roll call was taken. All approved. (6,0)  
A motion to come out of executive session and seal the minutes was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Martinez. A roll call vote was taken. All approved. Ms. Morales announced the return to open session and stated for the record that no vote was taken.
  - XII. Next Scheduled Meeting: March 24, 2015 at **5:30PM** at the Ell Risk School. Topic: Budget Update
  - XIII. Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Figueroa, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM